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[redacted] vessel was immediately west of Kildin Island (N 69-21, E 34-10). The ship was 13 miles off shore on a southeast course at a speed of nine knots. [redacted] a formation of naval vessels coming in from the sea on a southwest course traveling at a maximum of 15 knots. The formation proceeded in a single line with approximately one-half mile between the vessels. First in line were two large vessels [redacted] described as cruisers; they were followed by two large destroyers and four small destroyers or corvettes.

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2. About one-half mile from the main formation there were two submarines. A third submarine was to starboard of the main formation at a distance of about three miles. The submarines were of the same type; each had a long conning tower with two periscopes and there were two guns located aft. One of the two submarines was half-submerged so that only the conning tower could be seen. The other submarine was on the surface.

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3. The submarines cut across [redacted] ship. When the submarines came near the ship, they proceeded under water for the most part; they emerged twice so that the conning towers were above the surface of the water. Immediately before the course of the submarines and [redacted] vessel crossed each other, the submarines submerged and surfaced again on the starboard side of [redacted] ship at a distance of about one-half mile. When the submarines surfaced this time, they remained for a long time with the uppermost portion of the towers above the surface of the water; they then surfaced a little more so that the entire conning tower was clear of the water. The submarines then remained in this position.

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4. When the main formation had passed [redacted] ship in toward shore, two of the small destroyers swung to leeward and disappeared behind Kildin Island. The remainder of the formation continued for a short distance on its previous course and then swung to starboard. In line formation, the ships headed toward the third submarine which lay stationary in a half-submerged position. When the formation approached the submarine, the lead cruiser sent a semaphore signal and the submarine replied. [redacted] was not able to observe the signals.

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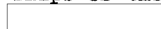
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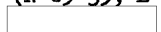
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6. The cruisers were approximately the same length and had two stacks each. However, they were not the same type as the superstructures of the the two vessels were different. The two large destroyers were of the same type. They each had two stacks and torpedo tubes aft of the second stack.

7. Each of the four small destroyers had one stack and a short stern  25X1  
 a little longer than an ordinary MTB. There were three ships of the same type at anchor at Chizhov Island (N 69-45, E 40-33) when  ship passed there on its way into Arkhangelsk.

8. In Arkhangelsk,  ship loaded at Sawmill No. 2 on Brevennik Island (N 69-39, E 40-32). The water depth was 25 feet on the outer side of the ship.  ship is 46 feet wide and it lay three or four feet from the edge of the pier. It was difficult to take a sounding on the inner side of the ship because of the timbers which extended from the pier under water. The ship remained in port from 17 to 25 May. 25X1

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